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Dear Gloria,

Thanks so much for your encouraging letter. At least you haven't forgotten us.

Right now we're existing on a "wing and a prayer" but we're pushing harder than ever, especially since we lost the challenge.

To get right down to business - the school bus drivers of the Marshall County Freedom Labor Union are about to go on strike for better wages. This will occur within the next few days and we'll need all the money, food, clothes, and help we can get, right away. Please help us make this strike successful - you can do it. It will be a complete flop if you all up North don't come through. We're counting on you to get the ball rolling and get as much help in here as soon as you can.

We've moved the office from 100 to 200 Rust. We never would have been able to make it through the winter the way things were, financially. Now that we've moved, we have the office and sleeping quarters combined. We now have a better chance of seeing the winter through. I just hope we make it okay - I don't know, things look pretty dim.

Gloria, it's so encouraging to know that someone up there is really working to help us. We did need a refrigerator - desperately - before we moved. The house we have now had one in it, so we're all set, there. Thanks so much.

The play sounds like a wonderful idea. Sorry, but my mind is completely blank on any plays you could use.

There are twelve of us now and none of us are getting any support. Maybe you could convince some group up there to "adopt" one of us. We have to have 1966 car tags and inspection stickers by the end of this month. This will cost about \$200.00 which we don't have. We are so desperate, it's almost unbelievable.

I want to stress the importance of getting support for the bus drivers who will be striking. We're all counting on you.

Thanks a lot. Write us...real soon.

Peace and freedom,

Diana

*yeah, I'm still here - couldn't stay away.*

*thanks for the  
sheet, towels &  
things.*